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Wisconsin Small Construction Trade Firms Invited to Grow Markets During National Small Business Week

Nine Federal, Local Agencies Put Firms on Path to Construction Contracting May 8

MILWAUKEE –In 2013 small businesses reaped the rewards of \$83 billion in Federal contracts. In 2012, more than 5,000 small disadvantaged construction trade businesses received \$825 million in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 3 construction contracts alone. Now, five Federal agencies—the Small Business Administration, HUD, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the General Services Administration, and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs—along with the City of Milwaukee and its Housing Authority, Milwaukee County, the City of Wauwatosa and the City of West Allis are paving the way to similar contracting opportunities for small construction trade firms, particularly those in the Milwaukee area. The Wisconsin Procurement Institute, which educates businesses statewide about contracting, will also be participating.

“Government contracts can be a very reliable source of revenue for these small businesses. Checking the right boxes to get certified and understanding how to find and get the contracts is the challenge we’d like to help attendees with at this event,” says Eric Ness, Wisconsin’s District Director for the SBA.

WHO: Marianne Markowitz, SBA Region V Administrator
Antonio Riley, HUD Region V Administrator
Ann Kalayil, GSA Region V Administrator

WHAT *Working with HUD and Other Federal and Local Agencies*
Interviews with Regional Administrators and Attendees

WHEN: Friday, May 8, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

WHERE: ManPowerGroup Headquarters

100 Manpower Place

Milwaukee, WI 53212

RSVP: For full agenda and public registration, click [here](#) .
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Regional Administrators may be available for advance interviews